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CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF

PLANNING DIRECTIVE 35

SUBJECT: Intelligence on Foreign Potential Resources of Raw Materials

REFERENCE: (a) Planning Directive No. 14, Subj: Resources Potential Program
(b) Planning Directive No. 32, Subj: Allocation and Coordination of Intelligence Research and Responsibilities

1. The Problem:

a. The Secretary, NIA, furnished the Central Planning Staff a copy of memorandum of 7 November 1945, from Brigadier General Edward P. Sorensen, same subject as reference (a) above. Enclosed under the memorandum was a copy of a study which had been laid before the Executive Committee of the Army-Navy Munitions Board. The study indicated that national security requires that the United States have complete information on the location of various raw materials abroad, the grades and reserves, transportation required for exploitation, labor conditions and general production costs. The study also pointed out that past serious deficiencies of intelligence in this field had adversely affected the war program. For disposition of General Sorensen's memorandum, see Planning Directive No. 14.

b. Pursuant to Planning Directive No. 14, the Intelligence Branch and Information Branch have completed preliminary studies as follows:

(1) Intelligence Branch submitted its report on 11 April.

(2) Information Branch submitted reports on 25 April and 30 April. A copy of the Information Branch memorandum of 30 April is enclosed under the original hereof for information and file in the Intelligence Branch.

c. The intelligence problem raised by above references is the subject of this directive. It is one part of the overall problem of coordinating and developing the production of intelligence.

d. The associated problem of coordination of collecting activity in the field of foreign potential resources of raw materials will be covered separately by Planning Directive No. 36.

e. Planning Directive No. 14 is herewith closed and superseded by Planning Directives No. 35 and 36.

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2. Planning Requirement:

a. The Intelligence Branch will study the problem of coordinating the production of intelligence on foreign potential resources of raw materials, giving particular attention to the suggestions contained in the above references. The Branch will consider the relation of this problem to those set up by Planning Directives 32 and 33, and will also consider the tentative treatment of the analogous problem set up by Planning Directive No. 28.

b. The Intelligence Branch will submit in duplicate a draft of necessary CIG action, furnishing an additional copy to the Policy and Review Branch.

c. The solution of this problem will be given priority over the broader problem covered by Planning Directive No. 32. However, the solution should be generally consistent with the intended solution of the broader problem.

3. Deadline:

An informal progress report will be submitted on 20 May.

FOR THE ACTING CHIEF, CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF:

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Acting Deputy Chief, Central Planning Staff

1 Encl:

Memo frm Info Br to Chief, CPS,
dtd 30 April (with original and
CPS subject file only)

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